

Community Goals and Development Policies

An important element of the Raymond planning process is the development of specific planning policies and goals to provide Village Planners and elected officials guidance in the administration and implementation of the Comprehensive Plan.

Goals are broad statements focusing on the primary elements of the Comprehensive Plan within a given length of time. Primary components include housing, land use, circulation, and public facilities.

Goals are long-term in nature and for reasons of this Comprehensive Plan, will be active throughout the planning period 2000 to 2020.

VILLAGE FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS

Maintain all city services to support growth and community change.

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND LAND USE

Goals

1. To provide for community development within an orderly, efficient and environmentally safe framework.
2. Maintain current park system and protect the existing land use development patterns and density within the community.
3. Protect both the quality and availability of water, both surface and groundwater, for community use.
4. Maintain and provide a safe and sanitary environment free of water, air and noise pollution.

Policies

1. Future development shall be encouraged to locate in areas where municipal services and public facilities are already present or where service extensions can be easily achieved.
2. Discourage development in natural hazard areas such as floodplains, steep slopes and unstable geological areas.

3. Designate land use areas based upon a realistic anticipation of needs.
4. Maintain a program of sufficient open spaces and parkland in Raymond to provide outdoor recreation conserve natural resources and preserve historical sites.

HOUSING

Goals

1. Protect and preserve existing residential areas.
2. Encourage future residential development to conform to the character of the existing neighborhood(s).
3. Provide all residents with access to a variety of safe, sanitary, decent and affordable housing to meet their individual needs.

Policies

1. Develop and encourage enforcement of plumbing, building, electrical, and fire codes for all housing.
2. Provide adequate utilities to support residential growth.
3. Encourage development of existing vacant lots within the Village limits to maximize existing infrastructure.
4. All new residential development shall be served by safe circulation systems.

UTILITIES AND SERVICES

Goals

1. Maintain and adequate supply of potable water and services throughout the community to existing and future development.
2. Maintain and provide efficient and appropriate utilities and to prevent pollution of the environment. Provide sewage treatment, refuse collection and disposal, and similar environmental control processes.
3. Maintain and improve existing public facilities and upgrade to reflect the needs of the community.

Policies

1. Encourage the school system to maintain and improve facilities and to support excellence in education.

2. Provide handicap accessible public buildings and facilities.
3. Maintain adequate law enforcement and fire protection services. This includes civil defense and emergency services throughout the community.
4. Improve and expand storm sewer drainage and prevent flooding and unsanitary conditions.
5. Maintain and improve services and facilities for older citizens.

CIRCULATION/TRANSPORTATION

Goals

1. Maintain and improve the transportation system throughout the Village of Raymond for the safe and efficient movement of goods, services and people.
2. Implement design standards and policies for the street system of the Village. Improve existing system to enhance the function and safety of the roadway system and plan for future development.

Policies

1. Maintain a coordinated plan for maintenance, and improvement of future locations of all streets, roads, highways and bridges in the community.
2. Develop and maintain a community sidewalk program to provide for the safe and efficient movement of pedestrians.
3. New residential developments will be reviewed on an individual basis to determine appropriate and adequate streets, curbs, gutters and sidewalk conformance.
4. Maintain and improve the current street system to enhance the future use with emphasis in the commercial district.
5. Develop the current street system with respect to safety and efficiency of the roadway system.